

MDS Alert

Test Yourself: Knowing the Right Facts Can Put You a Step Ahead of the RACs

See if you know the score for how RACs operate.

To find out if your RAC know-how is on the right track, answer the following questions:

1. The RACs are responsible for auditing which of the following (select one correct answer):

- A. All types of Medicare claims, including those involving Part A, B, C (managed care) and Part D (pharmacy)
- B. Medicare Part A and Part B fee-for-service claims only
- C. Medicare Part A and Part B and some Medicaid (where there is crossover between the two payers)
- D. Medicare Part A and Part B and some third-party claims in states with Stark laws

True or False:

- 2. The RACs perform automated reviews that involve data-mining and also complex reviews where they request a provider's medical records.
- 3. The RACs can request up to 200 records from a SNF at a time regardless of the SNF's census.
- 4. The RACs focus primarily on detecting fraud and abuse, and work more closely with the Office of Inspector General than any other auditors.
- 5. If a claim has already been reviewed by the MAC or another government auditor, the RAC can still audit it.

Editor's note: See the correct answers and rationale in the next issue of MDS Alert.